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Area Catholics To Celebrate

Appomattox and Concord area catholics are coming together on Tuesday, December 9, for a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. The Eucharist will be celebrated immediately afterwards with Fr. Ron Seguin from Sacred Heart Parish in Lynchburg.. As Father Ron pointed out during last month's celebration, U-R the ch-UR-ch. Come, get acquainted, and join with us in our family celebration of the Mass at the Women of the World Building in Appomattox.

For more information on who, what, when and where call Cass Jendzurski at 352-8340 or Mary Graf at 993-2122.

APPOMATTOX PRIMARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Dec. 8 - Tuna Sandwich, candied sweet potatoes, green peas, cake and sauce, milk.

Tues., Dec. 9 - Peanut butter sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, string beans, orange, milk.

Wed., Dec. 10 - Grilled Bologna, baked tomatoes, black eyed peas, banana pudding, milk, rolls, butter

Thurs., Dec. 11 - Hamburger on bun, slaw, potato chips, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec. 12 - Vegetable & tomato soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, ice cream, milk.

Soybean Referendum Deadline

Suffolk - Virginia soybean growers have until Wednesday, Dec. 17, to become certified to vote in a referendum concerning a soybean self-help program.

Morris W. Alexander, Virginia Tech Extension specialist in soybeans at the University Tidewater Research and Continuing Education Center here, said the complete certification form must be mailed to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce, 203 N. Governor St., Richmond, Va., 23219 on or before the Dec. 17 deadline.

Any grower is eligible to vote in the referendum, Alexander said, if he can certify that he sold soybeans during the three-year period from Jan. 17 1973, to Jan. 17, 1976.

Upon receipt of the certification, the state agency will return a ballot and two return envelopes.

The marked ballot should be put in one envelope, Alexander said, and it, in turn, should be placed in the second and addressed to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce on or before Jan. 17.

A two-thirds majority of those voting is required for continuation of the Virginia Soybean Commission and the self-help program.

The referendum is the result of 1970 legislature by the Virginia General Assembly which began the self-help program.

The act called for a levy of one-half cent per bushel on soybeans sold by producers to those dealing with soybeans from the farm. Funds from the levy are used to support soybean research, education and promotion of the sale and use of the crop.

The Virginia Soybean Commission was established to administer the funds. The commission consists of 11 members, seven soybean producers and four representatives of the industry.

The legislation also provides that another referendum may be held five years after the program began to determine whether the levy for research education and promotion shall be continued.

The Jan. 17 vote will determine the fate of the program.

MRS. HUMPHRIES 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Humphries 5th Grade 4-H Club met on Thurs., Nov. 17. During the meeting Mrs. Walton talked to us about Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Walton drew names for 4-H clovers. We all got ideas for Christmas.

Our president, Rick Calkwell, led us in the Pledges of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Kim Maxwell, our vice president thanked Mrs. Walton as the meeting was adjourned.

Ruby Smith, Reporter

Give Blood
Dec. 9th
Liberty Baptist Church

The Pastor Speaks

His Name Shall Be Called Immanuel . . . God With Us." Matt. 1:23

In the great controversy between God and Satan, Earth became the Theater of the Universe. Christ made His entrance on center stage to reveal to the world the character of God. But as we take our seats and view the unfolding drama we are surprised that it does not follow the typical story line.

Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death that was ours, that we might receive the life that was His. "By His stripes we are healed."

This is no mere spectacle, and man is not a spectator, but involved as an actor in the play. By His life and death, Christ has achieved more than recovery from the ruin of sin. It was Satan's purpose to bring about an eternal seperation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen. In taking our nature, the Savior has bound Himself to humanity by a tie that is never to be broken. Through the eternal ages He is linked with us. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." God gave Him not only to bear our sins and to die as our sacrifice; He gave Him to the fallen race. "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given..." and He will not be taken back. God has adopted human nature in the person of His Son, and has carried the same into the highest heaven. In Christ the family of heaven and earth are bound together. Christ glorified is our brother. Heaven is enshrined in humanity, and humanity is enfolded in the bosom of Infinite Love.

Hans Varmer
Pastor
Appomattox Seventh-day Adventist Church

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments By Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson for December 7, 1975

Understanding Matthew's Gospel

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17; 4:23-25; 9:9-13

He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and infirmity among the people. Matt 4:23

With this lesson the uniform series begin a series of 20 lessons for the study of the Gospel of Matthew. The word gospel is derived from the Anglo-Saxon godspell, generally translated as good news, though some etymologists think it means God's news, or the story of God. The late Latin word, evangelium, in turn a transliteration of a Greek word, means good news and is commonly translated gospel. The good news proclaimed by the apostles and other early Christian preachers was salvation through Christ to eternal life, which is also God's news. The earliest creed was simply "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." The initial letters of the Greek words of this creed spell ichthus, the Greek word meaning fish, and from it believers took the fish as the earliest Christian symbol.

At first the gospel was proclaimed by word of mouth. As time went on, and variant interpretations of the gospel were being preached, some who had known Christ and what He had taught felt that it was necessary to write the accurate account as a guide for believers. Probably before any of the Gospels was written, Paul was writing letters to churches which he had founded correcting errors in teaching and practice. To the accounts of Jesus' life and ministry the term gospel was applied, for these contained the good news of salvation and eternal life. The phrase "according to" indicates either the author or the source of the particular account of the good news.

The Gospel According to Matthew early became the most popular and the most influential of the Gospels. We do not know when it was written - - scholars continue to debate the time. (The entire New Testament was probably written during the last half of the first century, add a decade on either end.) Some debate the authorship, though the long tradition of the church dating at least to Papias, a second-century bishop, attributes it to Matthew, one of the Twelve, as do a number of New Testament scholars. Papias added that Matthew wrote in Hebrew, which complicates matters, for most scholars think the Gospel as we have it was written originally in Greek. The late Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, long professor of the New Testament in the University of Chicago, has advanced the theory that Matthew was clerk of the company of the Twelve and in that capacity recorded at the time the words as well as the works of Jesus. If Matthew made such a record, he most likely made it in Aramaic (The Hebrew of that day.) This could have been one of the sources used by writers of the Gospels, particularly for the words of Jesus, although the Gospels were written in Greek, the language most widely used and understood in the eastern part of the Roman Empire.

Matthew obviously wrote for a Jewish readership. That does not mean he thought the gospel was intended for Jews only, for he clearly presents Jesus as the Savior of mankind. Several references in Matthew show this, including specific references to preaching to the Gentiles and particularly the Great Commission (28:19-20). Rather it means that Matthew recognized that the Jews from their religious heritage were better prepared to understand the gospel and its significance; to proclaim it, they needed accurate instruction in it in order to preach it, to both Jews and Gentiles, in its integrity. He recognized also that the Jews needed it and that it was the culmination of the Jewish religious tradition and the two thousand years [illegible] ham.

One reason for the [illegible] of Matthew's Gospel [illegible] comprehensive presentation of the life and ministry [illegible] identifies Jesus [illegible] Messiah promised [illegible] relates high points [illegible] from His birth [illegible] ministry to His [illegible] resurrection, and [illegible] and it quotes Him [illegible] in sermon, parable [illegible] conversation. The Gospel covers the [illegible] Jesus. It links His [illegible] past in His [illegible] quotations from [illegible] Testament and with [illegible] future in the commission [illegible] disciples to preach [illegible] world.

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